



Indiana Department of Education

SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents and Principals

FROM: Wes Bruce, Chief Assessment Officer

DATE: August 30, 2010

SUBJECT: Acuity Algebra and Open Access for Grades 3-8

The Indiana Department of Education is pleased to announce **Open Access** of the Acuity Diagnostic Assessment Tools for 2010-2011. Your corporation is invited to apply for use of the grades 3-8 Acuity Assessments, as well as an Indiana version of Acuity Algebra Predictive Assessments (also known as “IDOE Acuity Algebra”). Participating schools and corporations still must meet the same requirements for student usage as others participating, this change does allow us to expand the 3-8 Acuity program to all schools in Indiana who want it and adds access to IDOE Acuity Algebra.

The predictive version of the Acuity Diagnostic Assessment Tools help teachers predict whether students are on track to pass high-stakes assessments. IDOE Acuity Algebra, in particular, is designed to assist with instruction related to the Algebra I End-of-Course Assessment. For the 2010-2011 implementation, data from IDOE Acuity Algebra shall be used diagnostically to impact instruction. Analysis of IDOE Acuity Algebra data compiled during 2010-2011 will be used to provide predictive information starting in 2011-2012.

For several years, many Indiana corporations have been using the original version of Acuity Algebra at an additional cost. This program was designed at a national-level to address the need for a diagnostic algebra assessment. As a result of feedback and requests received by our office to address the learning needs of algebra students across the state, IDOE Acuity Algebra Predictive Assessments were created. We are pleased to announce the rollout of IDOE Acuity Algebra Predictive Assessments, which are aligned to Indiana’s Algebra Standards.

For schools and/or corporations that have purchased Acuity Algebra through CTB for 2010-11, consideration is necessary to best meet the needs of your school/corporation. The assessment tool purchased through CTB has additional resources beyond the Predictive

Assessments offered by IDOE Acuity Algebra, including 13 formative assessments and an item bank.

The application surveys (electronic submission) for Open Access to Acuity in grades 3-8, as well as IDOE Acuity Algebra, will be available today, Monday, August 30. The links to access this survey are attached below.

Current Acuity Users wishing to add IDOE Acuity Algebra, click the link below.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GNSJRVF>

Corporations new to Acuity who wish to use any of the Acuity tools, click the link below.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KWLB8Q7>

For more information regarding this opportunity to use Acuity Diagnostic Assessment Tools or for more details on the specific range of Acuity options, please contact Cindy Hopkins via email at diagnostic-application@doe.in.gov.